

COUNCIL TAKES UP POLICE SALARY QUESTION

THE WEATHER.
FOR INDIANA—Partly cloudy to night and Thursday, probably local showers in extreme north portion; warmer in east portion to night.

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SKUFKISS MAKES FRESH ACCUSATIONS

Declares That East Hammond Needs Police Activity and That It Is Wide Open

Salaries of Hammond police were not raised by the city council last night, but the aldermen took a long step in that direction.

After some unpleasant details had been stated by aldermen and interested citizens the city fathers, acting on the suggestion of Mayor Brown, who was in attendance, decided to wait until next meeting night and then raise the wages of all city employees at one time.

HECKLEMAN FAVORS IT

The discussion started when the ordinance drawn by Alderman Bruce was read. Heckleman, who has in one way or another opposed former salary increases, was the first man to speak and he surprised everybody by favoring the raise without qualifications. It seems he had learned how many members of the force had left for jobs paying more money and how others are supplementing their city pay by working elsewhere spare hours and on vacation days. He accused the police commissioners of inefficiency. Mayor Brown was asked to state how many men the department lack of having the regular quota.

WEN SHORT

"We are a few short," explained the mayor. Alderman Bruce said the records showed seventeen men to be working but he was not sure whether that meant patrolmen only or included the higher officers. Ordinarily, seventeen patrolmen, two motorcycle men, two detectives, a fireman, a matron, a merchant police and two chauffeurs have been employed in addition to the officers. According to the last census the city is entitled to thirty-five patrolmen alone.

DELAID TOO LONG

Alderman Frank Martin expressed regret that the proposition of raising pay had been delayed so long. "I think that we made a serious mistake the last time this matter was up," he said. "Our delay has lost the city several of the best men on the force."

"It is an insult to ask men to work for the city who are paid less than the policemen," said Alderman Bruce who followed Martin. "We are expecting these men to protect our lives and property but we are unwilling to pay them an adequate wage. I am in favor of a fair living wage for all city employees."

SKUFKISS TELLS SOME THINGS

It remained for Sam Skufkiss, alderman from East Hammond, to lead off the lid and throw the real scare into the assembly. "We have the worst bunch out there we have ever had," he said. "You seldom see a policeman there and things are running wide open. We have houses of ill fame, girls, sixteen, seventeen and eighteen years old, walk the streets until after midnight. The young men get drunk early in the evening and march single file from one drinking place to another. There are thirty or forty blind pigs running right now. Something must be done to stop this."

SAYS THEY WORK OUTSIDE

Skufkiss said that was a well known fact that members of the police force, after spending twelve hours on duty for the city, work six more hours as special police for different corporations and at the end of the month they receive more pay for the outside work than they do for their regular duties.

A similar deal came from Rec. Freeman head of the East Hammond colored congregation. He says that a dangerous element of his race is moving into the part of the city which will cause much trouble unless a halt is called. He graphically described conditions as he has them and left a finding a young woman lying in the gutter in front of his house in a drunken stupor.

MUST HOLD FORCE TOGETHER

Attorney L. T. Meyer as an interested citizen gave his views on the matter. "The city is not bankrupt in the night," he said. "The police force has been made to the contrary. Something must be done to hold the old police force together. It takes a long time to make a good patrolman. Many of our best men have gone. Others are holding on simply because they will go on the retired list on pensions soon. There are still some of the best remaining because they have the morale of the force at heart. They are true patriots and their faithfulness should be recognized."

NO POLICEMEN SEEN

Mrs. Meyer was also there and told of three instances which she knew of in which women had been insulted by rough men. In the first case, which happened when there were plenty of policemen, she was able to have the man arrested at once. In the second instance a girl was chased all the way home and in the third or nine squares never encountered an officer of the law. In the third affair which concerned Mrs. Meyer herself, her only protection was a hat pin. Her words made a marked impression on the council.

TAX SYSTEM TO BLAME

City Attorney W. W. McMahon then made a speech against the present tax system which takes from the municipalities the power of fixing their own tax levels. "If we could raise the levy so as to make some of these rich people who are kicking pay more money we would be able to pay the police an adequate salary," he said.

Mayor Brown, who had said little hitherto, announced that he was opposed to raising the policemen pay if other city employees were not considered at the same time.

PLAYS NO FAVORITES

He told how hard it was to borrow money to keep the city going and expressed doubts as to the possibility of getting local banks to loan money to meet the salary increases. However he said he would be in favor of raising wages of all employees and the aldermen took him at his word.

A motion was then made to refer the whole matter to the finance committee with instructions to report back with a ordinance covering all city employees at the next meeting night. There it stands.

RED ARMY DRIVE IS IN FULL SWING

Immediate Conference of Allied Premiers To Be Summoned Right Away

BULLETIN
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
BERLIN, Aug. 4.—Russia is being paid in condition to withstand a siege by the Russians, according to press notices from that city today. Polish soldiers directed by French officers are working frantically to strengthen the forts surrounding the capital.

Trenches are being dug and barbed wire entanglements erected.

The civil population of Warsaw is described as "hopeless."

BULLETIN
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
LONDON, Aug. 4.—The perils confronting the world as a result of the Russian Red army against Poland parallel those existing in August, 1914, according to the Globe today in its comment upon the Eastern European situation.

The Westminster Gazette emphasizes that the allies are now dealing with a powerful nation, flushed with victory and commanding the greatest organized army in the world.

The entire press is agitated over the situation and all the newspapers today carried page wide headlines on the news from Poland.

BULLETIN
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
LONDON, Aug. 4.—Russia's conquest of Poland is swiftly growing into a world problem. It is dominated by officials of the British foreign office today.

Since the Bolognese conference it has been impossible for the British government to communicate with George Tchitcherine, the soviet foreign minister, and he has been expressed today in official circles that the soviet war minister has obtained the upper hand in the inner councils of Moscow and is pressing successfully for "A world conquest for communist ideals."

BULLETIN
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
PARIS, Aug. 4.—The Poles are preparing to evacuate Warsaw, the capital, according to official dispatches to the French foreign office today.

The new seat of the Polish government has not yet been determined. It is understood here.

The civilian population has begun to flee from Warsaw. Enormous supplies will inevitably fall into the hands of the Russians. It is feared.

The Poles have virtually abandoned all hope for an armistice with the Russians, the foreign office was advised.

BULLETIN
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
LONDON, Aug. 4.—The drive of the Russian Red army on Warsaw is still in full swing and the Russians have crossed the Bug river at several places, according to a cable which came from Moscow today.

The communists say:

"We have crossed the Bug river at several places. We are now less than 70 miles from Warsaw."

The Bug river flows east-west-north of Warsaw, emptying into the Vistula, 25 miles west of the Polish capital.

The communists indicate that the river was crossed near the Warsaw-Bielsk-Bialystok road and not at the point where the stream lies nearest to the Polish capital.

BULLETIN
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
LONDON, Aug. 4.—The British government has information that Russia will insist upon drastic peace terms if the Russo-Polish conflict is renewed at Minsk, but it is believed that the soviet government will modify its demands later according to a cable made today by Sir Wm. Sutherland, junior lord of the treasury.

BY NEWTON C. PARKE
PARIS, Aug. 4.—The allied governments are genuinely alarmed over the disaster which has overtaken the Polish army and the continued advance of the Russian army toward the German frontier.

A communication was received by the French foreign office today from

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BOY ASKS FOR \$50,000 DAMAGES

Two firms, Darling & Co. and the Woodhull Ice Cream Co., contributed to the injuries of Marvin Mason, the lad who was run over by a truck at the corner of Pine and Hoffman streets in Hammond, on May 8. Such is the contention of Ambrose Mason, court friend of Marvin, who has filed suit in the Hammond superior court.

According to the complaint filed today by Attorney Joe Todd, the boy started to cross Hoffman street at Pine street. A delivery truck of the Woodhull company had stopped on Pine street, so that it covered about half of the sidewalk and obscured the view. The boy stepped around the end of the truck and was struck by the truck of Darling & Co., which he claims was traveling at a speed of twenty miles an hour. The wheels passed over his legs, breaking them. As a result of the injuries, Mason is asking for \$50,000 damages.

Boston Financial Genius Now Being Investigated



CHARLES PONZI

Like a fairy tale of frenzied finance runs the story of Charles Ponzi, Italian immigrant, clerk and broker, who in a few short months claims to have made over \$300,000 through dealing in foreign exchange and international stamp orders.

He agreed to pay investors 50 per cent in 45 days. His affairs are now being investigated by city, state and federal authorities.

MERCHANTS AFTER BAND CONCERTS

How about a band concert every Saturday afternoon and evening this month and next? How about having the concert right in Hammond's business district?

There wasn't much useless fiddling when the South Hohman Street Merchants' association took the question under advisement. Cooperation, harmony and "pop" of the organization have resulted in the proposal becoming a reality and Saturday afternoon Hammond's first band concert of the year will take place on Hohman street, just north of the Rice hotel. Several Chicago entertainers and singers have been engaged to supplement the concert and a live day in South Hohman street is expected next Saturday.

"Doc" Sharrer has agreed to place his vacant lot adjoining the hotel at the disposal of the business men's committee. The Home Lumber company will furnish free the lumber for building the band stand. William Kiaz, the contractor will erect the stand and the Standard Electric company will do the electric light wiring.

Business of the district, which has enjoyed a phenomenal growth the past year, will benefit by the concert and the crowds of Hammond people who will attend the weekly entertainments will be double re-paid when they realize the number and quality of new shops which have lately sprung up along South Hohman street.

"We are going to make it the best and most agreeable shopping center in Hammond," say the merchants.

SAYS HE WAS TOO HANDY WITH BREAD-KNIFE

When a bread knife in the hands of William Kennedy slashed the left arm of his wife it also severed the ties that had held the home together for twelve years. It happened June 15, 1914, and Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy separated forthwith.

They were married April 25, 1902 and had lived since then in Hammond. They had three children, all girls. Various little differences arose but everything was satisfactorily adjusted until that day in June, 1914, when the last family racket occurred.

Kennedy struck at his wife with the bread knife and she caught the blow on the arm. Then he announced he would live with her no longer. He left the home and has not returned.

Mrs. Kennedy today filed suit for divorce in the Hammond superior court. She says that for the last two years the man had contributed nothing towards the support of the family. She asks for the custody of her daughters and wants Kennedy to pay \$20 per week for their support. H. E. Granger is her attorney.

DOOMED NEGRO ASKS FOR PREACHERS

CROWN POINT, IND., Aug. 4.—Will Thornton, the Indiana harbor negro who was last week sentenced to die in the electric chair for the murder of Nick Kieh, has been brought to realize that his end is not far off and has asked that he be allowed to get in touch with three negro preachers who will help him get religion. He also asked that it would be acceptable to him if a white preacher would drop in and see him and show him the way to make peace with his Maker. He has suddenly become deeply religious.

Bloody Murder In E. Chicago

Italians Shoot and Carve Each Other Up Quite Promiscuously.

A murder which has black-hand aspects and the bloody trail of the murderer last night kept the East Chicago police busy into the small hours of the morning and finally led them to St. Margaret's hospital at Hammond where they found the murderer with a couple of bullet holes in him and otherwise suffering from numerous deep knife wounds.

Francis Strano, an Italian, is the man in the hospital. His victim is Joe Nescedema, also an Italian, Dominick Muscato is being held as an accomplice after being identified as the man who spirited Strano away and finally got him to the hospital. Michael Mulmalite has a bad knife cut on his hand which he is unable to explain satisfactorily to the police. Tony Cusato was also at the house where the shooting occurred and is thought to know more than he tells.

In answer to a call that a fight was taking place at 3535 Deodar street the police rushed to the place and found Nescedema shot just above the breast. After receiving medical attention he was rushed to the hospital just in time to die there. The police arrested the others who were in the house at the time of the shooting and then took up the trail of blood which led from the house. After following the trail in Walling street the blood clots disappeared and investigation showed that the man had been taken to the hospital. He is now under constant guard of police officers who will remain at the man's bedside until he has recovered enough to be moved.

The story which the witnesses told but which the police are sure is framed is to the effect that Strano and Nescedema got into an argument over their jobs. Nescedema claimed that he was a blacksmith, but Strano asserted that he would not be working as a helper if he were a real blacksmith. Nescedema, however, was called Strano a "no good crumb" and Strano then shot twice at Nescedema and fled through the door. None of those present know how Strano happened to be shot and cut and so far the police have been unable to find any guns.

SPONGE SQUAD HAD TO ACT IN A HURRY

So That Four Stills Owned By Whiting Men Could Not Be Returned.

Federal prohibition officers had to act quickly yesterday to prevent three Whiting men from getting their stills and liquor back after they had been tried in the Whiting city court.

Four stills and a quantity of whiskey which had been taken recently by the Whiting police were involved. The men lined up in police court were Steve Puhak, Felix Porchanska and August Fischer. Mrs. Fischer, who had been arrested at the same time as her husband, was discharged.

Two stills had been found at each of the homes of Puhak and Fischer. Special Judge Oscar Ahlman gave them each \$100 and costs. Porchanska was discharged. His offense was having liquor in his possession. Then the defendants wanted their stills and liquor back and as no convincing argument was offered against it the court decided that they could take their stuff with them.

Prohibition officers at Hammond learned that the stills and liquor were to be released and immediately a representative of the "sponge squad" hid himself to Whiting. Confiscation taxes were attached to the stuff and they were ordered held at the police station. The officials are now considering filing charges against the three offenders in the federal court.

HOW HE WATCHED MARTIN'S AUTO

Hammond Man Pays High To See Ruth Wallop The Pill.

"Watch your car, Mister," the gutter snipe edged up to Martin M. Cunningham, superintendent of the city of Hammond, as he stepped from his week-old Chandler automobile at the Sox ball park, Chicago.

"Sure," said Cunningham slipping the fellow a quarter. Nevertheless he locked his car before entering the park to see Babe Ruth wallop the pill.

When he came from the park after witnessing the game, Cunningham found his car gone. So were three other high-priced cars which were parked in front of his and which the self same street urchin had agreed to "watch."

The thefts were reported to the Chicago police.

DIES IN HOSPITAL

WHITING, Ind., Aug. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Thore Loren, 322 Ohio avenue, were bereaved today by the death of their only daughter, three years old, Doris Jane, at St. Bernard's hospital in Chicago. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon, burial at Oak Hill cemetery in Hammond.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE WATKINS MAKES SURE WASH IS DRY, TOO



Rev. Dr. Aaron Watkins, the prohibition party's nominee for president, showing that he isn't afraid of water at his home at Germantown, Ohio, where he is professor of literature at a military college. As professors' salaries are notoriously low these days, Dr. Watkins often aids with the family washing, and is equally handy at other jobs around the house.

AMAZING EXAMPLE OF SIMPLICITY

Harbor Man Deliberately Gives Up \$2,000 In Game Old as the Hills.

Louis Mulak, 3216 Walling street, Indiana Harbor, had made all arrangements for his return to the old country, and had even drawn from the bank his savings of \$2,000 with which he expected to enjoy life on the other side of the water.

On July 11 he met two strangers, who were looking for some responsible party with whom they might leave \$1,000 for a few days. They were going to Chicago and didn't want to carry that much money with them. Perhaps Mulak could keep the money in his trunk until they called for it, they suggested.

In a room at the Lincoln hotel the two men turned over an envelope containing \$1,000 to Mulak with instructions to put it in his trunk until they called for it. In order to assure them of good faith it was further suggested that Mulak put up a cash bond of \$2,000. Mulak sealed \$2,000 in an envelope and gave it to the strangers in exchange for the one containing \$1,000.

Yesterday Mulak began to wonder why the strangers had not yet returned from Chicago and went to the trunk to count the money they had left. There were four one dollar bills and a bunch of paper. It leaves Mulak out just \$1,200.

WALLIE HESS NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Hammond Engages One of Its Own Sons to Coach High School Teams.

The Hammond Board of Education met yesterday afternoon as provided by law and re-organized by the election of Dr. G. L. Smith, President, L. L. Bomberger, Secretary and T. B. Tennant, treasurer. J. D. Brussel retired as president of the board after six years service.

The statistical and financial reports of the schools were approved and ordered filed with the County Superintendent and County Auditor at Crown Point.

Superintendent Monroe announced the appointment of Wallie B. Hess, as director of Boys' Physical Training and Athletic Coach for the ensuing year. Mr. Hess is a Hammond boy, graduated at the local high school and has had a remarkable career as an athlete. He played stellar parts on the Indiana university teams and is highly recommended by athletic authorities of that institution. Approximately 20 portable schools for use until permanent buildings can be erected, are fast nearing completion, according to Mr. Monroe and will be ready for opening of school in September. There will be eight portable school houses in the Lincoln district and 12 in the Maywood district.

WANTED—Boy for office work. Must be at least 14 years of age. Apply Times at least 14 years of age. Apply Times at least 14 years of age.

5 P.M. NEWS FLASHES

(BULLETIN)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
MARION, O., Aug. 4.—The prediction that Senator Warren G. Harding, republican nominee for president, will be elected, was made today by Wayne H. Wheeler, superintendent and general counsel of the anti-labor league after he conferred with the senator.

(BULLETIN)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The nation will go "bread hungry" next winter if cars to move the wheat crops are not ordered sent to the northwest wheat country at once, Chairman Clark of the interstate commerce commission was informed today by a committee representing Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana wheat growers.

(BULLETIN)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
PIQUA, O., Aug. 4.—Bradford, a village of 3,000 inhabitants in Miami county, was practically wiped out by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at over half a million dollars.

Twenty-two business houses, including the First National bank and the postoffice, were burned to the ground. There was no loss of life.

(BULLETIN)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Secretary of the Interior Payne told President Wilson and his cabinet about a home brew made from berries, which he discovered on his recent trip to Alaska with Secretary Daniels.

"Did Daniels drink it?" the president is reported to have queried.

"He did," Payne replied.

"It was kickless, then," said the president.

HOW STOCKS OPENED

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Overnight news developments were reflected in a weak start at the opening of the stock market today. Losses of from 1 to 3 points being general throughout the list.

All the steel shares were in supply. Steel common falling 1/4 to 3/4; Baldwin Locomotive 1 1/4 to 1 3/4; Crucible, 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 and Bethlehem Steel 1 1/4 to 1 3/4.

New Haven continued to feature the railroad list, and yielded 1 1/4 to 3 1/4. It soon had a sharp upturn, however, to 3 1/4. Reading fell 1/4 to 3 1/4, and Great Northern preferred 1/4 to 7 3/4.

Mexican Petroleum dropped 2 1/4 to 15 1/4, and Pan-American Petroleum 1/4 to 5 1/4.

Stromberg Carburetor fell 2 points to 7 1/2; U. S. Rubber 1 point to 3 1/4; Republic Steel 3 points to 7 1/4 and American Woolen 1 1/4 to 7 1/4.